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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 June 2010.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,5-21,23,24 and 27-48 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,5-21,23,24 and 27-48 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

The Amendment filed on 6/21/2010, has been entered and acknowledged by the Examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 18-21, 23-24 and 27-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The amendments to claims 18-21, 23-24 and 27-31 now include the limitations of a conversion material lens comprising a phosphor loaded cap perforated to allow said first contact to be housed within said phosphor loaded cap. There is no embodiment described in the originally filed application that includes a perforation to allow the first contact to be housed within the phosphor loaded cap that also includes a conversion material lens (for example, see figures 15-16). Likewise, none of the embodiments including a conversion material lens also comprise a phosphor loaded cap with a perforation (see Figs. 1-12).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

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A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-2, 5-17, 32-39, and 44-48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Reeh et al. (US 2001/0000622).

Regarding claim 1, Reeh et al. disclose an emitter, comprising: a light source (1) which emits a first spectrum of light; and a hemispheric shaped conversion material region (4) formed separately from said light source (1) and including conversion particles distributed uniformly throughout, said conversion material region (4) positioned in proximity to said light source (1) such that at least some of said light source light passes through said conversion material region, said conversion material region shaped such that said light passing through travels through substantially similar thicknesses of said conversion material region, said conversion particles absorbing at least some of said light source light passing through said conversion material region and emitting a second spectrum of light, wherein said first spectrum of light and said second spectrum of light are combined within said conversion material region, said emitter emitting a combination of said first and second spectrums at a substantially uniform color and intensity (for example, see Fig. 3 and paragraphs 24-25, 53, and 91).

Regarding claim 2, the light source (1) emits said first spectrum of light along a plurality of light paths extending through said conversion material region (4), each light path extending through a substantially equal amount of conversion particles (for example, see paragraphs 24-25).

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Regarding claim 5, the conversion material region includes scattering particles which redirect at least some of said first and second spectrum of light (for example, see paragraphs 54-55).

Regarding claim 6, Reeh et al. teach the conversion material region (4) comprises a glass lens (29) (for example, see Fig. 3 along with paragraph 91).

Regarding claim 7, the glass lens is formed separately from said light source and bonded proximate to said light source (1) (for example, see paragraph 91).

Regarding claim 8, the conversion material region (4) comprises a phosphor loaded cap (17) (for example, see paragraph 93).

Regarding claim 9, Reeh et al. disclose a phosphor loaded cap (6) shaped to fit closely over one or more of the surfaces of said emitter such that said light source light passing through said phosphor cap passes through substantially the same amount of said conversion particles (for example, see Fig. 6).

Regarding claim 10, the phosphor loaded cap shown in figure 4 inherently includes a perforation for receiving an electrical contact to said light source since the wire (electrical contact) connects to the light source (1) through the cap (6).

Regarding claim 11, Rhee et al. teach the perforation is at least partially filled with at least one of conversion particles and scattering particles (for example, see paragraphs 53-55 and 104-105).

Regarding claim 12, the phosphor loaded cap (17) is formed separately from said light source (1) and bonded proximate to at least on of the surfaces of said light source (for example, see Fig. 3 and paragraph 93).

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Regarding claim 13, the emitter comprises a submount (8), said light source mounted to said submount and said conversion material region (4) mounted to said submount (8) (for example, see Fig. 4).

Regarding claim 14, the conversion material region is hemispheric shaped (when including the lens (29) as part of the conversion region as taught in paragraph 94) and said light source (1) is arranged to emit light toward the base of and through said conversion material region (4) (for example, see Fig. 3).

Regarding claim 15, Rhee et al. teach the light source comprising a light emitting diode (1).

Regarding claim 16, the emitter emits a spectrum of light that is a combination of said first and second spectrums of light (for example, see paragraphs 53-54).

Regarding claim 17, the conversion material region (4) is positioned in relation to said light source (1) such that there is a space between the two (see Fig. 3).

Regarding claim 32, Rhee et al. teach a method of fabricating an emitter, comprising: providing a light source (1); providing a separately formed hemispheric conversion material region (4) which includes conversion particles distributed uniformly throughout; and bonding said conversion material region proximate to said light source, said conversion material region being positioned so that at least some of the light emitted from said light source at different angles flows through said conversion material region and through the substantially the same amount of conversion particles (for example, see Fig. 3 and paragraphs 24-25, 53-54, and 93).

Regarding claim 33, Rhee et al. teach further including a step of providing a submount (8), said light source (1) being bonded to a first surface of said submount (8).

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Regarding claim 34, the conversion particles are distributed throughout said conversion material region (4) so that said emitter emits light having a substantially uniform color distribution and/or a substantially uniform intensity. (for example, see paragraphs 53-54).

Regarding claim 35, the step of providing said conversion material region includes a step of providing a lens (29) which includes said hemispheric conversion material region (4) (for example, see paragraph 94).

Regarding claim 36, the step of bonding said conversion material region proximate to said light source includes a step of bonding said lens to one of said first surface and a second surface of said submount (8) (for example, see paragraphs 93-94).

Regarding claim 37, the step of providing said lens includes a step of providing a lens with an opening configured to allow said lens to at least partially surround said light source (1) (for example, see Fig. 5).

Regarding claim 38, the step of providing said submount (8) includes a step of providing one of a flat submount and a cup-shaped submount (see Fig. 3).

Regarding claim 39, the submount includes a cup-shaped submount with a third side configured to reflect at least a portion of the light re-emitted from said conversion material region (see Fig. 3).

Regarding claim 40, the step of providing said conversion material region includes a step of providing a phosphor loaded cap which includes said conversion material region having an inside surface that is shaped (planar/flat) substantially the same as the outside surface of said light source (see Fig. 3, note that the transparent encapsulation (15) is considered part of the light source).

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Regarding claim 41, the step of providing said phosphor loaded cap (4) includes a step of providing a phosphor loaded cap which is shaped to at least partially surround said light source (1) (see Fig. 3).

Regarding claim 42, the step of providing said phosphor loaded cap (6) inherently includes step of providing a phosphor loaded cap with a perforation for engaging a contact since the contact (wire (14)) is shown extending through the phosphor loaded cap shown in figure 4.

Regarding claim 43, a step of filling said perforation with at least one of conversion particles and scattering particles (for example, see paragraphs 53-55 and 104-105).

Regarding claim 44, Rhee et al. teach an emitter, comprising: a light source (1) emitting a first spectrum of light; and a substantially hemispherical lens element molded separately from said light source having a uniform distribution of wavelength conversion material dispersed throughout (see paragraphs 53, 91, and 93-94), said lens element disposed proximate to said light source such that most of the light emitted from said source over the entire range of angles interacts with substantially equal amounts of said wavelength conversion material, wherein the light transmitted from said lens element into the ambient; wherein said emitter emits a second spectrum of light having substantially uniform color and intensity distributions over the entire range of viewing angles (for example, see Fig. 3 and paragraphs 24-25 and 554).

Regarding claim 45, the wavelength conversion material comprises phosphor conversion particles (for example, see paragraphs 33-35).

Regarding claim 46, the first spectrum comprises blue light and said second spectrum comprises blue and yellow light such that said second spectrum appears white to the human eye (for example, see paragraph 25).

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Regarding claim 47, the lens element further comprising a perforation large enough to accommodate an electrical connection (14) to said light source through said lens element (for example, see Fig. 6).

Regarding claim 48, the perforation is at least partially filled with said wavelength conversion material (for example, see paragraphs 53-55 and 104-105).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 18-21, 23-24 and 27-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Odaki et al. (US 2001/0050371).

Regarding claim 18, Fig. 1B of Odaki et al. teach an emitter, comprising: a light source which emits a first spectrum of light, said light source comprising first (not labeled, but shown has hemispheric contact on top of light emitting element (1)) and second (3) electrical contacts on opposite surfaces of said light source; and (1) which emits a first spectrum of light; and a conversion material region (2') having an inside surface that is substantially the same shape as a plurality of outside surfaces of said light source, said conversion material region comprising a phosphor loaded cap (2') perforated to allow said first contact (not labeled, but shown has hemispheric contact on top of light emitting element (1)) to be housed within said phosphor loaded cap/film (2'), said conversion material region formed separately (paragraph 48 states that the cap 2' is formed by adhering the "film"(pre-made) to the light emitting element, as opposed

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to coating the resin directly on the LED (shown in Fig. 1A) from said light source and positioned on said light source, said conversion material region (2') arranged to absorb at least some of the light emitted by said light source and re-emit light at a second spectrum of light, said emitter emitting a combination of said first and second spectrums of light in a uniform third spectrum of light (for example, see Fig. 1B and paragraphs 48, 56, and 60-61). Odaki et al. do not specifically show the prefabricated conversion material region having a lens shape.

However, in a different embodiment, Odaki teaches that the covering member can be made to have any desired shape, including a lens, so as to provide a means for increasing the luminance of the device (for example, see paragraph 0060). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the prefabricated cap/film (2') in the shape of a lens, so as to create a more efficient light source.

Regarding claim 19, the conversion material region is separable from said position on said light source (1) (for example, see paragraph 58).

Regarding claim 20, the emitter further comprises a submount (3), wherein said light source is positioned on a first surface of said submount (3) (see Fig. 1B).

Regarding claim 21, the submount (3) is configured to reflect some of said first and second spectrums of light (see Fig. 1B).

Regarding claim 23, at least one of said submount (3) surface reflects some of the first and second spectrums of light to said conversion material region (2') (see Fig. 1B).

Regarding claim 24, submount (3) includes one of a cup-shaped submount and a flat submount (see Fig. 1B).

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Regarding claim 27, the conversion material region comprises a phosphor loaded cap (for example, see paragraph 61).

Regarding claim 28, the phosphor loaded cap (4) is shaped to fit the shape of said light source (1) (for example, see Fig. 6).

Regarding claim 29, the phosphor loaded cap (21) is formed separately from said light source and bonded to said light source (1) (see Fig. 3).

Regarding claim 30, the conversion material region (2') is positioned in relation to said light source such that there is a space between the two, said space chosen to obtain substantially uniform emission of said third spectrum of light (for example, see Fig. 1B).

Regarding claim 31, the conversion material region is positioned in relation to said light source such that there is a space between the two, said space chosen to provide said third spectrum of light with at least one of a desired color and intensity (for example, see paragraphs 45).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to independent claims 1, 32, and 44 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The teaching relied upon is the alternative lens structure to the one shown in figure 3, wherein Rhee teaches the lens component (having a hemispheric shape) is itself the conversion material region (see paragraph 91). Rhee teaches the conversion material regions distributed uniformly in the luminescent conversion layer not having a constant thickness (see Figs. 1, 5, and 10 and paragraphs 51-54). Accordingly, it is understood that in the alternative lens structure the particles are distributed uniformly. Paragraph 53 teaches using a powder form for the luminescent material distributed in the encapsulation so that a thorough

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mixing can take place, and says nothing about mixing the luminescent material inhomogeneously in the matrix material. Also, it is noted that the conversion material regions, shown in the embodiments represented in figures 1, 5, and 10, do not require a constant thickness or an inhomogeneous mixture, as asserted by the applicant. In fact, the only portion of Rhee that states anything about an inhomogeneous distribution in the conversion material layer is in paragraph 25 (cited by the applicant), which states, “Likewise, it is possible to configure luminescence conversion elements inhomogeneously, for example by means of inhomogeneous luminescent material distribution.”

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 18-21, 23-24 and 27-31 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment to claims 18-21, 23-24 and 27-31 necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event,

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however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to *Anthony Perry* whose telephone number is **(571) 272-2459**. The examiner can normally be reached between the hours of 9:00AM to 5:30PM Monday thru Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nimesh Patel, can be reached on (571) 272-2457. **The fax phone number for this Group is (571) 273-8300.**

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